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ANOTHER CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS GRANTED AN INTERVIEW
TO A VISITING INDIAN JOURNALIST. ACCORDING TO N.RAM IN THE
MAY 11 "HINDU", YU CHAN SAID THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND
CHINA CAN BE RESTORED TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE THE BORDER
DISPUTE OR BE EVEN BETTER. YU REPORTEDLY REITERATED THE
STANDARD AVOWALS OF HISTORIC FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIA AND THE
DESIRE TO ARRIVE AT A RATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF THE
BORDER ISSUE THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. PENDING
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SUCH SETTLEMENT, THE TWO SIDES SHOULD OBSERVE THE
STATUS QUO AND AVOID ARMED CONFLICT. YU DID NOT
REPEAT THE REPORTED VIEW OF HAN NIEN LUNG (REFTEL)
THAT INDIA WAS NOT BEING RESPONSIVE ENOUGH TO CHINESE
OVERTURES, BUT HE DID SAY THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
DOES NOT DEPEND ON CHINA ALONE. YU SAID THAT CHINA'S
POSITION ON THE BORDER ISSUE IS WELL KNOWN AND

UNCHANGED BUT THAT IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SETTLE THE
DISPUTE NOW, IT CAN BE SET ASIDE AND RELATIONS
DEVELOPED IN OTHER AREAS. THIS, IN EFFECT, WAS
HAPPENING ALREADY AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY
HAPPY ABOUT THE EXCHANGE TO DATE. YU CHAN ALSO
REPORTEDLY DISCOURSED AT LENGTH ON THE THEORY OF THREE
WORLDS AND THE MEANING OF NON-ALIGNMENT.
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